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K. Reported to Have Claimed Soviet Got U. S. Code Book

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (UPI) Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge seemed today to confirm indirectly a Los Angeles movie executive's report that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had boasted the Russians broke a United States secret code and used it to obtain information and dollars in an international practical joke.

Lodge, Khrushchev's official escort on his recent American visit, refused to comment directly on the story, but said he was present when the reported code conversation took place.

The matter came up during an appearance by Lodge on the CBS television show, "Face the Nation" (WTOP-TV.) He was asked about comments by Victor M. Carter, president of Republic Studios and Khrushchev's official Los Angeles guide.

Carter said Khrushchev told him during a drive through San Fernando Valley that "your agents in Europe and the Middle East give us your code books and then we send false information back to you through your codes."

Khrushchev was quoted as saying that the Russians thus had intercepted highly confidential messages between the United States and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru about Communist Chinese border forays and a plea from the Shah of Iran for U. S. intercession with Khrushchev in Iran's behalf.

Carter also quoted Khrushchev as saying that the Russians had sent coded messages to the United States asking for money, they later received. **Lodge Was "In Car"**

Asked about this account, Lodge replied:

"I was in the car . . . and I'm sorry to say this is one of

the things on which I cannot comment."

He was told by a questioner that, by not denying the story, he was virtually admitting it was true. To this he replied that he was the President's personal representative on the Khrushchev tour and that "it is against the best interests of the country to talk."

"I don't think it's the kind of thing I can comment about," he said.

[Lodge also denied he had been ordered by President Eisenhower to "needle" Khrushchev, Associated Press reported. Contrary to some published reports, "there wasn't any shift" in his role, Lodge said.

["I was not ordered to needle him . . . I was not a truth squad."

[He added he was told only by the President to act "as a good host" to the Soviet Premier.]

Carter's report of the limousine conversation with Khrushchev has brought a demand by Kenneth Hahn, a Los Angeles County supervisor, for

a congressional investigation of "the potential threat to the security and safety of the United States."

Hahn said Carter told him that Khrushchev said agents of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency working in Europe and the Middle East also are working for the Russian government.